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In reply to Office Action of 1 June 2006

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 10-19 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 6, and 8 are rejected, and claims 4, 5 and 7 are objected to by this response. Claims 1, 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 4-7 are canceled by this action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6 and 8. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oplinger et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oplinger et al. in view of Hiyoshi.

The Examiner rejected Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oplinger as applied to claim 1 above, and in view of Whatley.

These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the remarks that follow.

Applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporating limitations from allowable claim 7 and intervening claim 6 therein. This is in strict compliance with the Examiner's requirements for allowing application. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled as being redundant.

Applicants have amended claim 2 by incorporating all of the limitations of parent claim 1 and all of the limitations of

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dependent claim 5 therein. Applicant suggests that this is in strict compliance with the Examiner's requirements for allowance. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled as being redundant. Claim 8 has been amended to make it dependent on claim 2 instead of claim 1. Applicant respectfully solicits reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3 and 8.

In view of the remarks above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicants, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application.

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